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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.51)  
(unknown - 10/069705 assigned)INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
PCT/EP00/07728INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  
09. August 2000 (09.08.00)PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
25. August 1999 (25.08.99)TITLE OF INVENTION Variable Support Structure With a Modular Construction,  
Consisting of at Least One Collapsible Structural ModuleAPPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US  
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information

1. ☒ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☒ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)), with Trans. Declaration.
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Form PTO-1449, 6 references.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A FIRST preliminary amendment.
14. ☒ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☒ Other items or information:
  - a. return receipt postcard;
  - b. Form PTO-2038 (Credit Card Payment Form);
  - c. 13 Figs. on 8 sheets of formal drawings;
  - d. copy of International Search Report with English Version.
  - e. marked-up version of spec. pgs. 1, 5, 6

NOTE: The priority of German Patent Application 199 40 169.1, filed in the Federal Republic of Germany on August 25, 1999 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

NOTE: The entire disclosure of PCT International Application PCT/EP00/07728 is incorporated herein by reference.

NOTE: The applicant qualifies for and claims Small Entity Status.

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